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For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR DETECTING ACID RESISTANT MICROORGANISM IN THE STOOL)	

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop <u>AMENDMENT</u> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 1, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.